

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 remain pending in the present application.

In the Restriction Requirement of June 27, 2006, the Examiner required Applicant to elect, for examination, either Group I, comprising claims 1-25, or Group II, comprising claims 26-31.

If Applicant elected Group I, the Examiner also required Applicant to elect one of the following species for examination: species 1a, comprising claims 1-7; species 1b, comprising claims 8-17; species 1c, comprising claims 18-24; or species 1d, comprising claim 25.

If Applicant elected Group II, the Examiner required Applicant to also elect, for examination, either species IIa, comprising claims 26-30, or species IIb, comprising claim 31.

Applicant has elected Group I, comprising claims 1-25, and species 1a, comprising claims 1-7. However, the election is made with traverse for at least the following reasons.


Applicant submits that the present application is a U.S. National Stage Application of International Application No. PCT/KR02/01557. Applicant respectfully submits that unity of invention practice, and not restriction practice, is applicable in national stage applications. See section 1893.03(d) of the M.P.E.P.

Thus, as the present application is a U.S. National Stage Application, Applicant respectfully submits that restriction practice is not applicable to the present invention. For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that

the Restriction Requirement of June 27, 2006 is improper, and respectfully requests that it be withdrawn.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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